

# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Low Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday	28 Adult Catechism 7 p.m.	29 Requiem Mass for Pope Francis	30	1 St. Joseph	2 1st Friday Homeschooler Event	3 1st Saturday
4 2nd Sunday of Easter  1st Communion Class	5 Bible Study 7 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Pro-Life Vigil noon	10 Ladies' Tea 10 a.m.  Schola Rehearsal
11 3rd Sunday of Easter  Confirmation Class	12	13 Confirmations 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner	14	15	16	17 Altar Guild  Choir Rehearsal
18 4th Sunday of Easter First Communion May Crowning	19	20	21	22 St. Rita	23	24 Choir Rehearsal
25 5th Sunday of Easter	26	27	28	29 Ascension	30 All-Night Adoration begins 7 p.m.	31 All-Night Adoration ends 7:30 a.m.

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## Volunteers

### St. Benedict Altar Guild

Nathan Wike: cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com

### Choir

Kelsey Villalobos: (719) 651-9800

### Ushers

Kris McCowen: (719) 352-1519

### Pro-Life Events

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### Home-Schoolers' First Friday

Gracey Wike:  
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### Young Roses of Mary Girls' Group

Amy Seltzer: caseltzer@gmail.com

### Take-Them-a-Meal/Sunday Brunch

Marcella Guilez dmjmfamilyleve@aol.com

### Housekeeping

Jennifer Villalobos: (719) 651-8135

### Bulletin

Jill Demian: (719) 579-9439

## Please pray for:

### Repose of the Souls of:

Pope Francis

Jeff Nelson

### Parishioners who serve our nation:

2nd Lt. David Bentley, U.S. Air Force

Master Sgt. Chris Biery, U.S. Air Force

Spec. 2 Victor Follis, U.S. Space Force

Petty Officer 1st Class Paula Gennitti,

U.S. Navy

1st Lt. Adam Giammattei, U.S. Army

Sgt. Major Chad Keirns, U.S. Army

2nd Lt. Alexander Kleitz, U.S. Space Force

1st Lt. Mary McCowen, U.S. Army

Lt. Col. Lynn W. Sullivan, U.S. Army

Staff Sgt. Marc Snyder, U.S. Marine Corps

2nd Lt. Jacob Vore, U.S. Space Force

Sgt. Daniel Walsh, U.S. Army

Sr. Airman Thomas Walsh, U.S. Air Force

Lt. Col. Nathan Wike, U.S. Army

Master Sgt. A. Youngblood, U.S. Army

Sgt. 1st Class Cinthya Zuniga, U.S. Army

# + IMMACULATE + CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*

MAY 11, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER EASTER

## Sunday Schedule:

Low Mass: 7 a.m.  
9 a.m.

Sung Mass: 11 a.m.

## Confessions:

One-half hour before Mass  
Saturdays 4 p.m.

## Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday: 8 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday: 8 a.m.

## Holy Hour:

Thursday: 7 p.m.



*"O Mary, through thine Immaculate Conception  
make my body pure and my soul holy."*

PASTOR:

FR. JAMES GORDON, F.S.S.P.

ASSISTANT PASTOR:

FR. DENNIS GORDON, F.S.S.P.



# SEPARATION of CHURCH and STATE is *Unacceptable*

*On the Nature of True Liberty* (Libertas Praestantissimum),  
Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII, June 20, 1888

But this teaching is understood in two ways. Many wish the State to be separated from the Church wholly and entirely, so that with regard to every right of human society, in institutions, customs and law, the offices of State and the education of youth, they would pay no more regard to the Church than if she did not exist; and, at most, would allow the citizens individually to attend to their religion in private if so minded. Against such as these, all the arguments by which We disprove the principle of separation of Church and State are conclusive, with this super-added, that it is absurd the citizen should respect the Church, while the State may hold her in contempt.

Others oppose not the existence of the Church, nor indeed could they; yet they despoil her of the nature and rights of a perfect society, and maintain that it does not belong to her to legislate, to judge, or to punish, but only to exhort, to advise and to rule her subjects in accordance with their own consent and will.

By such opinion they pervert the nature of this divine society, and attenuate and narrow its authority, its office of teacher, and its whole efficiency; and at the same time they aggrandize the power of the civil government to such extent as to subject the Church of God to the empire and sway of the State, like any voluntary association of citizens. To refute completely such teaching, and the arguments often used by the de-

fenders of Christianity, and set forth by Us, especially in the encyclical letter *Immortale Dei*, are of great avail; for by those arguments it is proved that, by a divine provision, all the rights which essentially belong to a society that is legitimate, supreme and perfect in all its parts exist in the Church.

Lastly, there remain those who, while they do not approve the separation of Church and State, think nevertheless that the Church ought to adapt herself to the times and conform to what is required by the modern system of government. Such an opinion is sound, if it is to be understood of some equitable adjustment consistent with truth and justice; in so far, namely, that the Church, in the hope of some great good, may show herself indulgent, and may conform to the times in so far as her sacred office permits. But it is not so in regard to practices and doctrines which a perversion of morals and a warped judgment have unlawfully introduced.

Religion, truth, and justice must ever be maintained; and, as God has entrusted these great and sacred matters to the care of the Church, she can never be so unfaithful to her office as to dissemble in regard to what is false or unjust, or to connive at what is hurtful to religion.

From what has been said, it follows that it is quite unlawful to demand, to defend, or to grant unconditional freedom of thought, or speech, of writing, or of worship, as if these were so many rights given

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Today ~ Mothers' Day Brunch

In celebration of Mothers' Day, the men of the parish will host Sunday Brunch. Men may sign up to bring food, serve and help in clean up by May 7. Contact Kris McCowen, (719) 352-1519.

### Today ~ Last Day to Register for Boys' Camp

Sign-up in vestibule; open to boys ages 12-18. Volunteer fathers are needed to help with activities. Contact Chris Seltzer, campst.alphonsuscosfssp@gmail.com, or (575) 545-1734.

### May 13 ~ Confirmations and Potluck Dinner

Bishop James Golka shall administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our *Confirmandi*, 6 p.m. Please sign up to attend the potluck dinner, which will be held immediately afterwards in the parish hall. For more information regarding the dinner, contact, Marcella Guilez, dmjmfamilylove@aol.com.

### May 17~ Altar Guild

Altar-serving practice after 8 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Nathan Wike, cosfssp.altarguild@gmail.com.

### May 17 ~ Saturday Choir Rehearsal

Additional choir rehearsal 9:15 a.m.–11 a.m. for feast of St. Rita. For more information, contact Kelsey Villalobos, (719) 651-9800.

### May 18 ~ May Crowning and First Communions

First Communions will be at the 11 a.m. Mass. Also, please bring flowers for your children to honor our Lady for the May Crowning at 11 a.m. Mass.

by nature to man. For, if nature had really granted them, it would be lawful to refuse obedience to God, and there would be no restraint on human liberty. It likewise follows that freedom in these things may be tolerated wherever there is just cause, but only with such moderation as will prevent its degenerating into license and excess. And, where such liberties are in use, men should employ them in doing good, and should estimate them as the Church does; for liberty is to be regarded as legitimate in so far only as it affords greater facility for doing good, but no further.

Whenever there exists, or there is reason to fear, an unjust oppression of the people on the one hand,

or a deprivation of the liberty of the Church on the other, it is lawful to seek for such a change of government as will bring about due liberty of action. In such case, an excessive and vicious liberty is not sought, but only some relief, for the common welfare, in order that, while license for evil is allowed by the State, the power of doing good may not be hindered.

Again, it is not of itself wrong to prefer a democratic form of government, if only the Catholic doctrine be maintained as to the origin and exercise of power. Of the various forms of government, the Church does not reject any that are fitted to procure the welfare of the subject; she wishes only — and this nature

## + MASS INTENTIONS + FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 12 ~ *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, and Pancras*

8 a.m. — + Fr. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P., by Medina Family

### Tuesday, May 13 ~ *St. Robert Bellarmine*

8 a.m. — Teresa & Anthony L'Amarca, by Linda Kartes

### Wednesday, May 14 ~ *Feria in Paschaltide*

8 a.m. — Jennifer Mozetta, by Mary Anne Mozetta

### Thursday, May 15 ~ *St. John Baptist de la Salle*

6 p.m. — Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

### Friday, May 16 ~ *St. Ubald*

8 a.m. — Blake Surofchek, by Surofchek Family

### Saturday, May 17 ~ *St. Paschal Baylon*

8 a.m. — + Raquel Rodriguez, by Cecilia Reyes

### Sunday, May 18 ~ *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7 a.m. — Private Intention  
9 a.m. — + Cardinal Darío Castrillon Hoyos  
11 a.m. — *Pro Populo*

+ *The priests cannot accept Mass intentions at this time.* +

itself requires — that they should be constituted without involving wrong to any one, and especially without violating the rights of the Church.

Unless it be otherwise determined, by reason of some exceptional condition of the things, it is expedient to take part in the administration of public affairs. And the Church approves of everyone devoting his services to the common good and doing all that he can for the defense, preservation and prosperity of his country.

Neither does the Church condemn those, who, if it can be done without violation of justice, wish to make their country independent of any foreign or despotic power. Nor

does she blame those who wish to assign to the State the power of self-government, and to its citizens the greatest possible measure of prosperity. The Church has always most faithfully fostered civil liberty, and this was seen especially in Italy, in the municipal prosperity and wealth and glory which were obtained at a time when the salutary power of the Church had spread, without opposition, to all parts of the State.

...In lowliness of heart We raise Our eyes in supplication to God, and earnestly beseech Him to shed mercifully the light of His wisdom and of His counsel upon men, so that, strengthened by these heavenly gifts, they may... live in accordance with the truth. + + +